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Introduction


Economic downturns have occurred in almost all countries as a result of COVID-19. We know from prior research that these economic downturns have a disproportionate effect on child health and mortality in low- and middle-income countries (but not high-income countries) and that these effects are likely independent of whether or not children acquire COVID-19 disease.[1–4]

The mechanisms relating distal social health determinants like GDP per capita to child mortality in low- and middle-income countries are presumed to act through the combined effects of environmental contamination, nutrient deficiency, maternal factors, injury, and personal illness control.[4] For example, reductions in household income can unleash dual effects of environmental contamination and nutrient deficiency as households cope with poverty by moving to poorer housing with less sanitation and more crowding, as well as shifting diets away from costly sources of protein, and micronutrients.[5] A spiral of successive gastrointestinal, skin, and respiratory infections can further deplete nutritional reserves. Parents securing supplemental income during economic hardship can subject children to less parental supervision heightening the risk of injury. Both the demand for and the supply of essential childhood health services including immunizations, micronutrients, and primary care can falter during a severe economic recession. The pediatric community, therefore, plays an essential role in mitigating the health harms of sudden economic downturns by offering growth monitoring, routine vaccinations, and care for respiratory and gastrointestinal infections.


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Knowing how the global 2020 economic downturn led to worsening child health and mortality can help inform policymakers, clinicians, and advocates about the magnitude of such effects and can improve strategies to reduce disease burden, especially in the face of a prolonged pandemic. To our knowledge, however, ¹ **indirect health effects** the economic downturn, even though past economic recessions have been shown to lead to health declines, especially among children. For example, studies from Ebola outbreaks in Africa and SARS in East Asia have highlighted the importance of national and international organizations in combating the indirect economic effects of disease on the most economically disadvantaged communities.[6,7] Further, a systematic review of the social and economic burden of seasonal influenza in low- and lower-middle-income countries found that influenza's indirect costs, namely productivity loss, were significantly higher in low and middle income countries (LMICs) than high-income countries.[8]

Prior studies of the indirect death toll due to an epidemic-related recession or downturn may not be relevant to 2020 because prior epidemics did not spur an economic slowdown of the same magnitude as those experienced in 2020. Estimates indicate that the world economy was expected to shrink more than 5% in 2020 alone.[9–12] The economic downturns of 2020 have also been projected to reverse a sustained trend of decline in global poverty, with an estimated 42–66 million ² **additional** children falling into extreme poverty.[13,14] Additional estimates suggest that the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic could reverse the past 2 to 3 years of progress in infant mortality.[14]



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This study assesses the indirect economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic by estimating the impact of different economic recession scenarios on under-5 mortality in low, lower-middle, and upper-middle-income countries. While there is some uncertainty about the final magnitude of the economic recessions of 2020, our model projects excess under-5 mortality by country that are relevant for recessions as small as 1% and as large as 15% to be used as reference points. Our approach draws from the empirical relationship between mortality and national income that was first noted by Preston and has been widely documented.[3] Recent studies have confirmed the adverse effect of recessions on under-5 mortality, showing that the impact in LMICs is three times larger than in countries with better economic indicators.[15–18]

Methods

Overview and Data Sources

The methodology is presented in three sections. In section one, we present the methods used to re-estimate and update Preston curves specific to each LMIC. Section two provides multivariate adjusted estimates of the slope parameter relating GDP and Under-5 mortality individualized to each country's most recent data along with 95% confidence intervals. In the second section, we apply each country's GDP-Under-5 mortality slope parameter to estimate the one-year mortality impact of a 5%, 10%, and 15% reduction in GDP. Finally, using Monte Carlo methods, we obtain uncertainty ranges around these excess mortality projections. Admittedly, this method will offer a lower bound estimate of the full health impact of recession because the model excludes delayed mortality effects after one year, economically mediated deaths

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in adults, and non-fatal effects on health, social development, and cognition that are known to follow famines and adverse childhood experiences. However, estimates of just the mortality effects of the 2020 downturns can help alert policymakers of the need to plan additional efforts to mitigate the economic threats faced by vulnerable groups.

1Because recessions in high income countries are known to have only negligible if any effects on child mortality, we only included 129 countries that were classified as low-, lower-middle-, or upper-middle income in our study based on the 2020 World Bank income classification requiring 2an income below 12,375 US\$. Annual estimates of under-5 mortality for each country were obtained from the United Nation's World Population Prospects 2019 Revision. Data on GDP per capita (constant 2010 US\$) were obtained from the World Bank World Development Indicators database. Covariates include country-year-specific characteristics and health-specific services obtained from the World Bank World Development Indicators database. We imputed missing values in GDP per capita using a five-year moving average and in some covariates using multivariate normal regression. (See the Appendix Table 1 for additional description of our imputation approach.) All estimated effects of recessions on under-5 mortality were calculated within a one-year time horizon, meaning that the increased mortality rates presented are representative of different recession scenarios occurring during 2020.

Multilevel Mixed Effects Multivariable Regression Analysis

Regression analysis was used to estimate the Preston curve relationship between national income and under-5 mortality. First, we regressed the U5MR on GDP per capita and a set of socio-



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economic covariates. A model-based approach using an iterative process was used to fill in missing values in the set of covariates. To estimate country-specific effects of a recession, we applied a multilevel mixed-effect linear regression to the relationship between GDP per capita and U5MR for each country. To control for heterogeneity across countries, the multilevel mixed-effect linear regression included fixed effects for a country's region and income level. (Sensitivity analyses showed that results were not sensitive to inclusion of fixed effects.) A generalized log-linear model was estimated to **base the** retransformation of impacts from a log-scale to natural units. Recession estimates were bracketed at 5%, 10%, and 15% reductions in country GDP per capita. Our baseline model to estimate the relationship between GDP per capita and U5MR had the following form:

$$(1) \quad \log U5mr_{jt} = \alpha_j + \beta_{1j} \log GDP_{jt} + \epsilon_{jt}$$

Where β_{1j} captures a country-specific relationship between GDP and under-5 mortality for years $t = 1990-2020$ in country j . Because equation (1) might omit other factors that are closely related to changes in the under-5 mortality rate, we extend equation (1) to include other country-specific factors that could affect the relationship between GDP and U5MR, as shown in equation (2) below:

$$(2) \quad \log U5MR_{jt} = \alpha_j + \beta_{1j} \log GDP_{jt} + \beta_2 Z_{jt} + \beta_3 H_{jt} + \epsilon_{jt}$$

Where Z_{jt} represents a vector of country-year-specific characteristics. These control variables were as follows: electric power consumption per capita, the proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments, and total fertility rate for country. The last vector of controls (H_{jt}) captures health-specific services for each country-year and includes: the number of physicians per thousand



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inhabitants and the share of children (between 12 and 23 months) who had been immunized with a diphtheria pertussis and tetanus vaccine (DPT). By measuring GDP effects on mortality net of immunization coverage, our final model (equation 2) isolates the GDP mortality effect primarily through effects on wasting, non-vaccine-related diseases, as well as parental caregiving and injury.

Lives Lost Estimation

Country-specific estimates of β_{1j} were then applied to GDP per capita data to predict an estimated mortality impact under the four different scenarios – no reduction in GDP per capita (scenario 1), 5% reduction (scenario 2), a 10% reduction (scenario 3), and 15% (scenario 4). We estimate potential recession-attributable loss of life by subtracting the deaths observed in scenario 1 from the projected number of deaths under scenarios 2-4.

Estimates of Uncertainty

We carried out additional analyses to estimate the **integrity** of the estimates emerging from a normal distribution parameterized with a mean of β_{1j} and the standard error of β_{1j} at the country level. We performed a Monte Carlo experiment using 500 iterations to draw each country's GDP-U5MR impact parameter from normal distributions based on estimates of the coefficient and standard error estimated from equation (). For the simulation, the estimated log(U5MR) from each scenario was retransformed to a mortality rate and then multiplied by the population of children under 5 to produce an estimated total number of deaths under each scenario. The means and standard deviations of the incremental death projections emerging from each sample of 500



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iterations is shown in Table 3. Because the Monte Carlo results emerge from 500 iterations they differ slightly from the single iteration estimates.

Results

Between 1990 and 2019, there has been a sustained trend of decline in global poverty and infant mortality in LMICs. However, as hypothesized above, COVID-19 related economic downturns of 2020 are likely to reverse these positive trends.

Table 1 presents select summary statistics for variables used in the analysis for the years 2010, 2015, and 2019. (Appendix Table 1 presents annual statistics for the entire study period, 1990-2020. Values for 2020 are based on projections from various sources that do not take into account the 2020 pandemic.)

Table 1: Descriptive statistics of main variables in the sample of 129 LMIC countries (Values prior to imputation)

	Year		
	2010	2015	2019
Under-five mortality rate (deaths under age 5 per 1,000 live births)			
Mean	66.69	43.52	38.37
Standard Deviation	42.26	32.34	28.81
Share of missing observations	0.00	0.00	0.00
GDP per capita constant 2010\$			
Mean	2,973	3,738	3,996
Standard Deviation	3,306	3,163	3,273
Share of missing observations	2.33	4.65	10.85
Physicians (per 1,000 people)			
Mean	0.61	1.19	1.17
Standard Deviation	0.90	1.43	1.37
Share of missing observations	17.05	53.49	100.00
Electric power consumption (kWh per capita)			
Mean	955	1,384	1,467
Standard Deviation	1,279	1,366	1,369
Share of missing observations	32.56	100.00	100.00
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)			
Mean	14.80	19.76	22.65
Standard Deviation	10.70	12.16	12.33
Share of missing observations	3.88	2.33	0.78
Total fertility (live births per woman)			
Mean	4.10	3.28	3.11
Standard Deviation	1.51	1.35	1.24
Share of missing observations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Immunization, DPT (% of children ages 12-23 months)¹			
Mean	81.69	84.74	88.24
Standard Deviation	15.60	16.37	18.41
Share of missing observations	0.78	0.00	100.00

Source: Authors' elaboration

Note: For a detailed description for every year, see Appendix Table 1

¹ Child immunization, DPT, measures the percentage of children ages 12-23 months who received DPT vaccinations before 12 months or at any time before the survey. A child is considered adequately immunized against diphtheria, pertussis (or whooping cough), and tetanus (DPT) after receiving three doses of vaccine. [19]

Under-5 Mortality

The results from fitting models of U5MR and GDP for each country are shown in the Appendix Figure 3. Our baseline projection is a benchmark where there is no reduction in GDP per capita (i.e., Scenario 1), and in this case the expected total number of annual under-5 lives lost in LMICs would be around 19.2 million. Under a conservative recession scenario (5% reduction on GDP per capita; Scenario 2), the total number of under-5 deaths increases to 19.5 million, or an additional 282,996 number of deaths (95% CI: 279,779-286,400). The results for each recession scenario at the country level suggest that for the scenarios of 10% and 15% GDP reductions, there is an estimated under-5 loss of life of 19.8 and 20.2 million, which corresponds to an additional 585,802 (95% CI: 579,184-592,799) and 911,026 (95% CI: 900,804-921,825) lives lost, respectively. Moreover, we estimate that 49% of the total under-5 lives lost would occur in Sub-Saharan Africa, a pattern that is observed across the four scenarios, where the total number of lives lost in this region increased up to over 470,000 between a no recession scenario and a 15% reduction in GDP per capita.

The estimated number of deaths is the largest in countries with a higher population. Consequently,

Table 2¹ presents results for the ten countries with the highest additional under-5 lives lost in 2020 under the four different scenarios². Results suggest that India will be the country with the highest number of under-5 lives lost, followed by Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Moreover, estimates for the top 10 countries with the highest under-5 mortality rates are presented in Appendix Table 4.

² See Appendix Table 4 for the complete table



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Table 2: Estimated Under-5 Lives Lost from 2020 Recessions Scaled from 5% to 15%.

Country	Under 5 deaths	Lower bound (95% CI)	Upper bound (95% CI)	Under 5 deaths 5% reduction on GDP	Additional deaths 5%	Lower bound (95% CI)	Upper bound (95% CI)	Under 5 deaths 10% reduction on GDP	Additional deaths 10%	Lower bound (95% CI)	Upper bound (95% CI)	Under 5 deaths 15% reduction on GDP	Additional deaths 15%	Lower bound (95% CI)	Upper bound (95% CI)
India	2,929,298	986,082	8,701,895	2,972,361	43,063	1,004,659	8,793,951	3,018,437	89,139	1,024,604	8,892,182	3,067,926	138,628	1,046,101	8,997,378
Nigeria	1,503,219	497,646	4,540,714	1,525,317	22,098	507,077	4,588,238	1,548,962	45,743	517,205	4,638,937	1,574,358	71,139	528,124	4,693,221
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1,388,004	524,706	3,671,682	1,408,409	20,405	534,338	3,712,285	1,430,241	42,237	544,670	3,755,652	1,453,691	65,687	555,796	3,802,143
China	1,235,908	372,924	4,095,918	1,254,076	18,169	380,064	4,138,001	1,273,517	37,609	387,734	4,182,878	1,294,396	58,489	396,005	4,230,905
Pakistan	1,054,683	371,239	2,996,334	1,070,187	15,505	378,185	3,028,413	1,086,777	32,094	385,641	3,062,651	1,104,595	49,912	393,676	3,099,329
Ethiopia	992,985	369,329	2,669,755	1,007,582	14,598	376,148	2,698,999	1,023,202	30,217	383,463	2,730,228	1,039,977	46,993	391,343	2,763,698
United Republic of Tanzania	523,317	187,417	1,461,240	531,010	7,693	190,917	1,476,931	539,241	15,925	194,674	1,493,681	548,083	24,766	198,723	1,511,625
Indonesia	461,840	147,090	1,450,106	468,629	6,789	149,891	1,465,156	475,893	14,054	152,899	1,481,208	483,696	21,856	156,142	1,498,392
Niger	461,338	171,118	1,243,775	468,120	6,782	174,273	1,257,434	475,377	14,039	177,657	1,272,020	483,171	21,833	181,302	1,287,654
Bangladesh	435,117	153,268	1,235,269	441,513	6,396	156,135	1,248,500	448,358	13,241	159,212	1,262,622	455,709	20,592	162,528	1,277,750

Source: Authors' elaboration

Figure 1 presents the number of total additional deaths from a 15% reduction in GDP per capita (e.g. Scenario 4), according to income group classification. Results show that a 15% reduction in GDP per capita will have a substantial increase in the under-5 mortality rate in LMICs, with larger estimated impacts in lower-middle income countries, where under-5 mortality rates tend to be higher.

Figure 1. Changes in under-five mortality from a 15% recession, by country and income group

Sensitivity Analysis and robustness

Table 3 presents the results from the Monte Carlo experiment on the estimated logarithm of U5MR for each country in every scenario. We observe that in all the scenarios, estimations remain between the 95 percent confidence interval, thereby validating the robustness of our approach.

Table 3 Uncertainty analysis from a Monte Carlo experiment using estimates of Model 2.

Scenario	Additional under-5 deaths					
	Model 1	Model 2	Monte Carlo		Monte Carlo	
			Version of Model 2		Version of Model 2	
			Mean (SD)		95% CI	
					Lower bound	Upper bound
5% Recession	402,847	282,996	283,090	(1,689)	279,779	286,400
10% Recession	837,922	585,802	585,991	(3,473)	579,184	592,799
15% Recession	1,309,822	911,026	911,314	(5,362)	900,804	921,825

Source: Authors' elaboration

Discussion

We estimate that the economic downturns of 2020 significantly increased loss of life among children younger than five years old in LMICs. Many of the countries in this analysis have relatively young populations with tenuous access to stable housing, clean water, food, and primary care. The health of these children is highly susceptible to reductions in the economic well-being of their families. Children in these lower income countries are also subject to a high rate of exposure to other infectious diseases, besides COVID-19, which makes them more susceptible when the economy reduces their access to nutrition, housing, water, sanitation, and parental care.[4] Disruptions to primary health care service supply and demand will compound these threats, and thus may be a likely driver of increased mortality in these settings. Efforts to shore up the delivery of pediatric primary health care services during a recession can mitigate the mortality impact of a recession.

Our estimates match the lower range of other estimates of the indirect effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on child mortality which have primarily focused on excess mortality attributed to disruptions in delivery of key health services affecting children and mothers. Reductions in service delivery could range between 10–52% and the prevalence of wasting could increase by 10–50%.[20] The estimated death toll due to health service reductions was estimated to range from 253,500 to 1,157,000 additional child deaths over a 6 month period with 60% of these deaths, linked to reduced coverage of childbirth services and 18–23% of deaths tied to wasting.[20] Another paper which focused on malaria service delivery disruption found that 25%–75%

reductions in coverage of preventative and curative supplies and care may result in anywhere from 23,600 to 382,100 additional deaths in the most and least conservative scenarios, respectively.[21] In comparison, our analysis finds that 5%–15% reductions in GDP are estimated to lead to additional loss of life in children under five between 282,996 to 911,026. Our estimates are focused on those due to the reduction in GDP and do not include any direct effects of COVID-19 on children. Because our model controls for DPT vaccine delivery (i.e., our model assumes that DPT vaccine delivery is fixed) it underestimates the potential impact of economic recession through these secondary effects on services. We find that the estimated additional lives lost from 5% and 15% recessions would equate to 1.5% and 4.7% increases above baseline, respectively.

The uncertainty surrounding the actual intensity and duration of COVID-19-induced economic effects is a significant limitation of this study. The study aimed to control for uncertainty by offering a bracketed range of likely recession magnitudes from 5% to 15%, which allows countries to situate their own estimated recession rates within this range to customize results. Further limitations exist in the data that were used in this study. For example, many observations from the United Nations Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation and World Bank World Development Indicators required imputation up to 2020. Measurement of U5MR in many LMICs cannot be based on vital registration systems and must be based on demographic models of survey data produced by the United Nations. Authors also recognize alternative data sources for child mortality such as those available from the University of Washington Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, and acknowledge that both datasets are widely used in global health research. In addition, the study only focuses on the lives lost to children under 5 and does not examine other

short- and long-term health-related impacts due to COVID-19 related recessions. Further research should focus on the non-fatal health effects of the 2020 recessions on health, cognition, development, and school attainment.

The empirical evidence correlating health and wealth initially outlined by Samuel Preston, and later expanded by authors such as Angus Deaton, highlighted that mortality in children under-5 is one of the most significantly affected health outcomes from changes in GDP in low and lower-middle income settings.[2,3,22] This should come as no surprise, as the majority of illnesses and complications that affect children under-5 are those that can be largely avoided by routine access to pediatric and post-natal services. Malnutrition and infectious diseases like malaria are particularly lethal for young children, with both of these issues increasing in severity as socioeconomic well-being declines. Further research may benefit from further breaking down under-5 mortality rates into subset rates such as infant mortality and neonatal mortality to even more clearly define areas of intervention. Countermeasures can help to reduce these impacts through food supplementation, growth monitoring, and comprehensive primary health care. Hopefully these estimates of the magnitude of the non-COVID-19 related child mortality can help marshal the resources needed to mitigate the burden.

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APPENDIX

Descriptive statistics

Appendix Table 1 Descriptive Statistics of variables used for the analysis

	Year																				
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Under-five mortality (deaths under age 5 per 1,000 live																					
Mean	102.49	100.82	99.06	97.14	95.01	92.66	90.13	87.48	84.79	82.08	80.00	88.00	82.79	80.78	70.77	76.26	73.73	72.08	66.84	64.12	66.69
Standard Deviation	71.62	72.23	72.33	71.64	70.09	67.89	65.40	63.02	60.91	59.03	58.00	58.30	55.66	53.62	52.09	49.73	47.46	46.79	44.43	41.74	42.26
Share of missing observations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GDP per capita constant 2010\$																					
Mean	2,454	2,431	2,334	2,356	2,331	2,346	2,402	2,475	2,509	2,591	2,451	2,462	2,619	2,614	2,806	2,861	2,941	2,995	3,144	3,145	2,973
Standard Deviation	2,444	2,444	2,422	2,381	2,369	2,338	2,346	2,430	2,457	2,430	2,430	2,313	2,480	2,531	2,717	2,996	3,122	3,453	3,419	3,387	3,306
Share of missing observations	13.18	13.18	12.40	11.63	10.85	8.53	8.53	7.75	7.75	6.98	5.43	4.65	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.10	3.10	2.33	3.10
Physicians (per 1,000 people)																					
Mean	0.96	1.08	1.04	0.95	1.07	1.03	1.02	1.05	1.12	1.09	0.78	0.79	0.87	0.81	0.76	0.82	0.88	0.87	0.91	0.73	0.61
Standard Deviation	1.30	1.41	1.39	1.33	1.40	1.32	1.31	1.29	1.36	1.34	1.22	1.23	1.26	1.22	1.06	1.21	1.23	1.19	1.18	1.06	0.90
Share of missing observations	30.23	62.02	61.24	46.51	62.02	42.64	53.49	48.06	62.02	63.57	52.71	58.91	62.02	62.02	31.78	52.71	58.14	48.84	35.66	35.66	17.05
Electric power consumption (kWh per capita)																					
Mean	978	963	921	881	889	898	924	933	972	981	824	785	904	864	926	999	1,017	994	1,050	990	955
Standard Deviation	1,412	1,394	1,327	1,223	1,201	1,167	1,186	1,177	1,201	1,165	1,165	1,103	1,179	1,146	1,142	1,345	1,324	1,335	1,333	1,252	1,279
Share of missing observations	37.21	36.43	35.66	35.66	35.66	34.88	34.88	34.88	34.88	33.33	33.33	33.33	33.33	33.33	32.56	32.56	32.56	32.56	32.56	32.56	32.56
Proportion of seats held by women in national																					
Mean	4.06	4.80	5.23	5.85	6.52	7.44	7.99	8.25	9.12	9.32	9.48	10.28	11.69	12.44	12.44	13.70	14.13	14.83	15.31	15.32	14.80
Standard Deviation	10.15	10.15	10.09	10.17	10.20	10.33	10.21	7.33	7.72	7.51	8.08	7.90	9.12	9.22	9.03	9.29	9.37	9.83	10.93	10.45	10.70
Share of missing observations	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	20.16	18.60	24.03	18.60	14.73	18.60	10.85	7.75	4.65	2.33	3.10	3.88	3.88	3.88
Total fertility (live births per woman)																					
Mean	4.79	4.70	4.61	4.52	4.43	4.34	4.25	4.17	4.09	4.02	4.36	4.36	4.21	4.20	3.92	4.17	4.12	4.13	3.96	3.92	4.10
Standard Deviation	1.64	1.65	1.66	1.66	1.67	1.68	1.69	1.70	1.70	1.71	1.66	1.59	1.60	1.60	1.58	1.56	1.51	1.56	1.48	1.44	1.51
Share of missing observations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Immunization, DPT (% of children ages 12-23 months)																					
Mean	74.71	71.89	70.88	71.15	72.64	74.45	74.19	74.44	74.89	74.78	72.44	72.99	73.39	76.32	78.10	78.45	79.60	81.53	81.17	83.22	81.69
Standard Deviation	21.56	22.22	21.69	21.45	21.11	20.55	20.82	22.09	22.02	21.88	20.66	20.91	19.28	18.52	18.24	18.26	18.42	16.14	17.68	15.08	15.60
Share of missing observations	17.05	16.28	5.43	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.88	2.33	2.33	2.33	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.00
Immunization, measles (% of children ages 12-23 months)																					
Mean	73.39	71.53	69.77	71.77	72.50	74.39	74.59	74.66	75.41	75.68	72.34	73.54	74.62	75.83	77.82	76.74	78.22	80.04	80.28	81.13	80.43
Standard Deviation	19.28	20.41	20.28	20.21	19.10	19.18	19.59	20.38	20.66	19.90	19.64	19.69	18.69	17.64	18.98	17.85	17.39	16.23	16.62	15.47	14.99
Share of missing observations	17.05	16.28	5.43	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.88	2.33	2.33	2.33	1.55	1.55	1.55	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.00

Multiple Imputation

In order to fill in missing values in the independent control variables of interest, we performed multiple imputation using multivariate normal regression. We selected this approach because all the variables used in the analysis are continuous and because it uses an iterative Markov chain Monte Carlo method to impute missing values.

The method uses data augmentation to simulate unobserved missing values. The data augmentation process consists of two steps. In the first step, missing values in x_i are replaced by draws from the conditional posterior distribution of $x_{i(m)}$ given the observed data and current values of model parameters independently for each i . In a second step, the new values of the parameters are drawn from their conditional posterior distribution given the observed data and the data imputed in the previous step. These processes are repeated for a number of iterations, which is determined by the length of the burn-in period and the number of iterations between imputations. The length of the burn-in period must be large enough in order to ensure that the chain converges to the stationary distribution. The number of iterations between imputation should be large enough to ensure that the random draws are approximately independent.

For this study, we imputed 65 additional data-sets, since the largest share of missing values in a variable was around 55%. The number of iterations used in the burn-in period to reach stationarity was 2500. In order to reduce the correlation between sets of imputed values, 900 iterations of the Markov chain Monte Carlo were performed between imputations. We used an informative ridge prior distribution for the Markov chain Monte Carlo procedure; we selected this prior because in

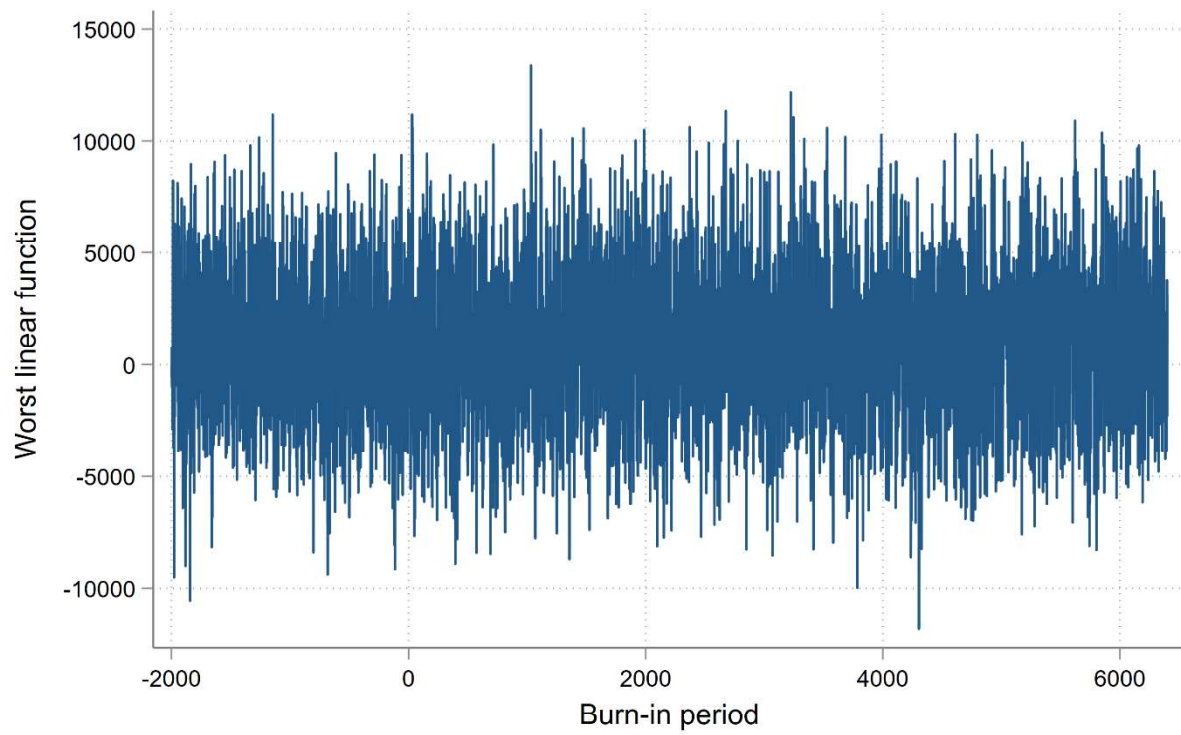
some countries had few observations. Appendix table 2 presents a summary of our multiple imputation and Appendix Figure 1 demonstrates convergence of the Markov chain Monte Carlo algorithm.

Appendix Table 2 Multiple imputation summary

Variable	Complete	Incomplete	Imputed	Total
GDP per capita constant 2010\$	3625	374	374	3999
Log GDP per capita constant 2010\$	3748	251	251	3999
Physicians (per 1,000 people)	1853	2146	2146	3999
Electric power consumption (kWh per capita)	2132	1867	1867	3999
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)	2738	1261	1261	3999
Immunization, DPT (% of children ages 12-23 months)	3639	360	360	3999

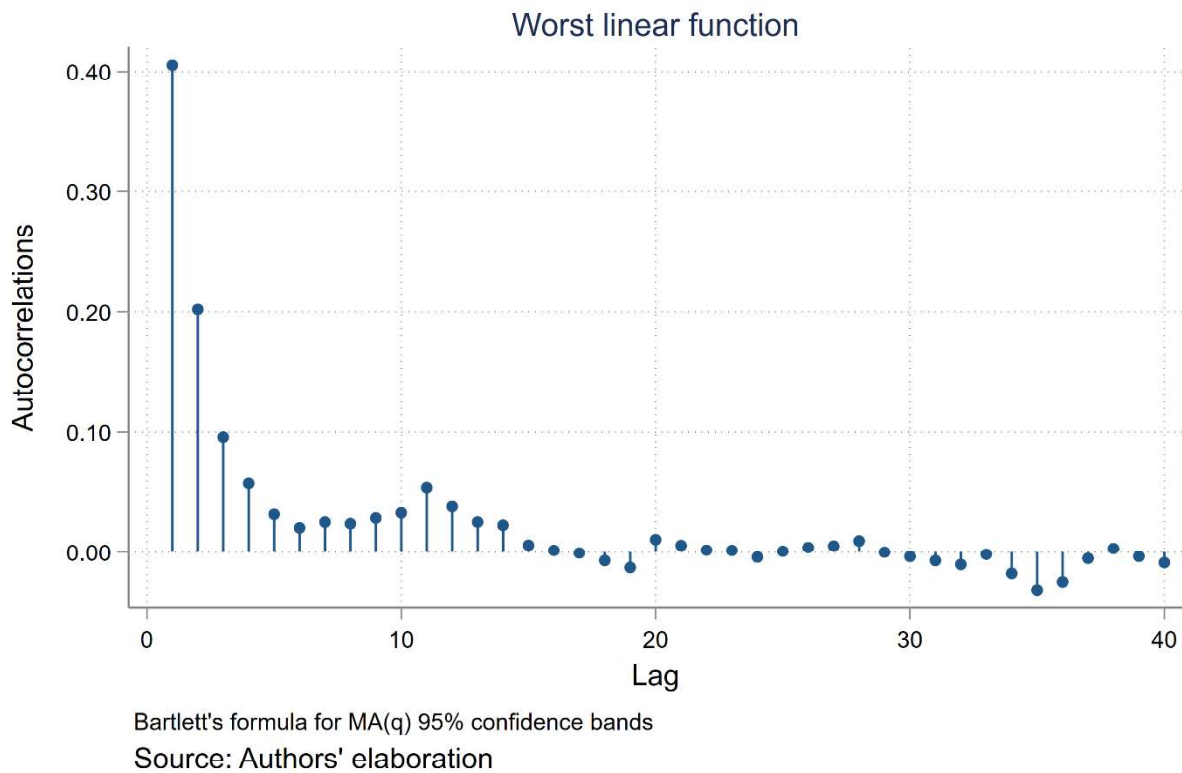
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Appendix Figure 1 Convergence of the Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)



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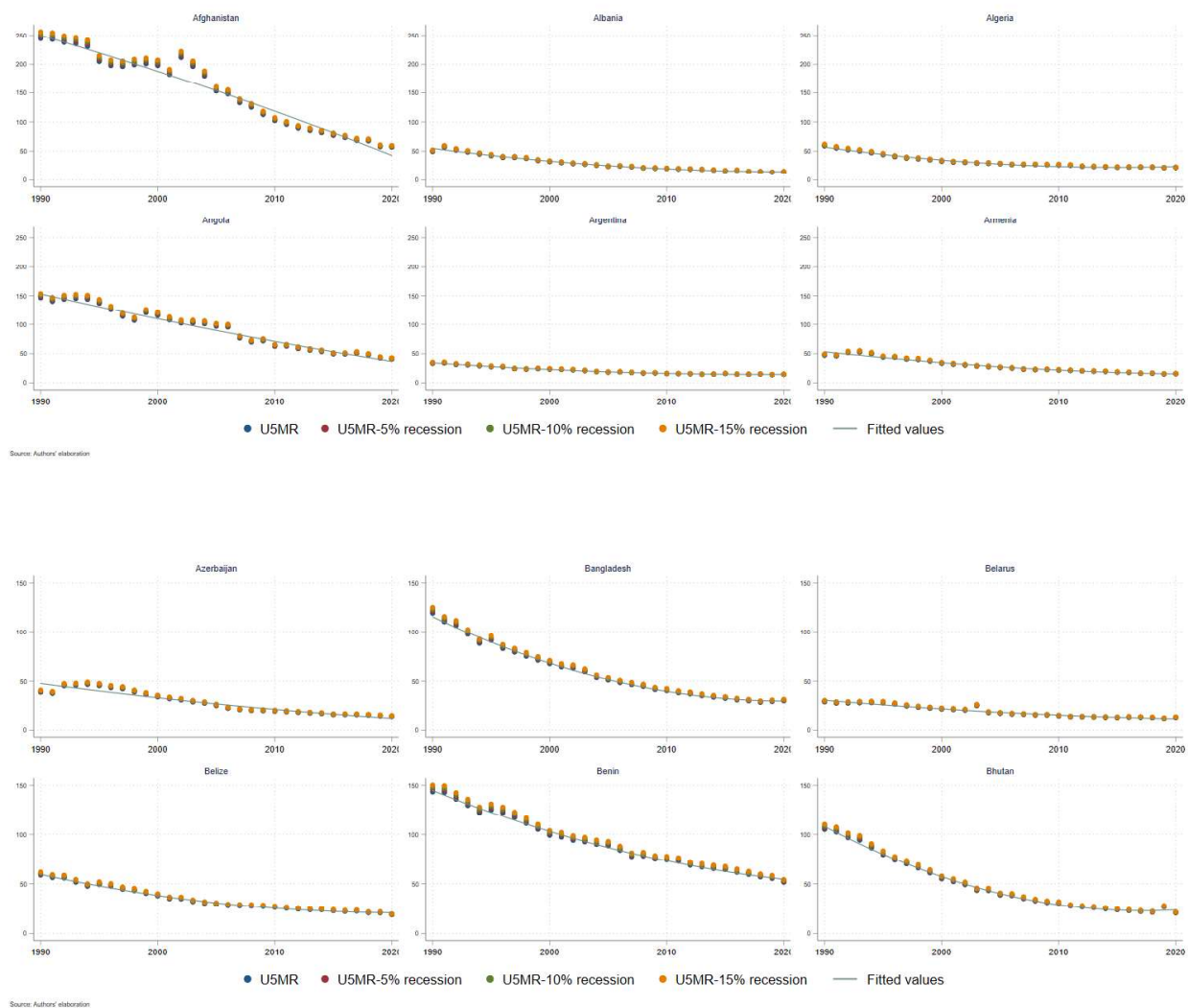
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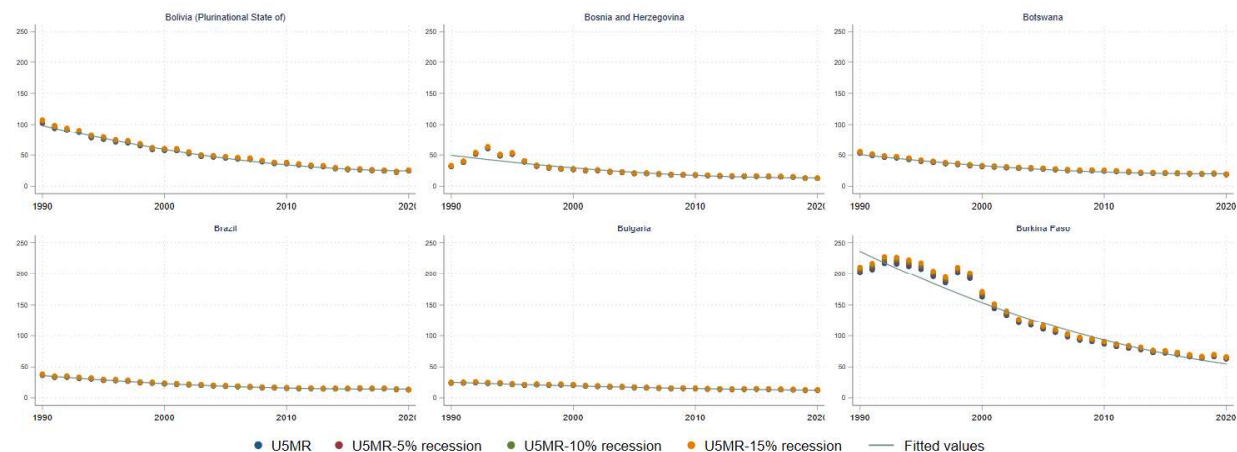


The auto-correlation disappears after 25 lags, which ensures that there is independence between imputations.

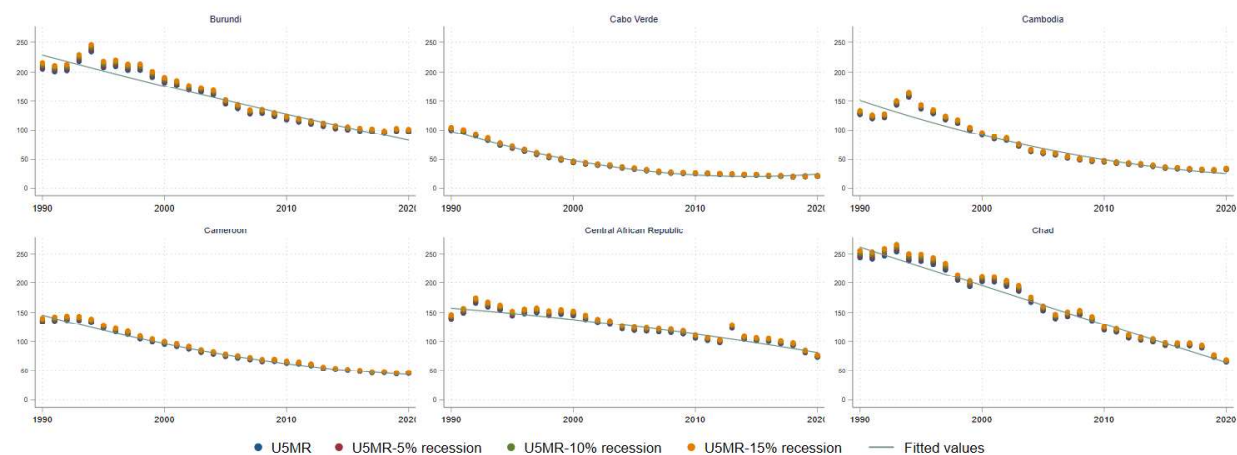
Estimation of the U5MR time trajectories at country level

Appendix Figure 3 Estimated effect of GDP reductions on U5MR at country level (fitted values)

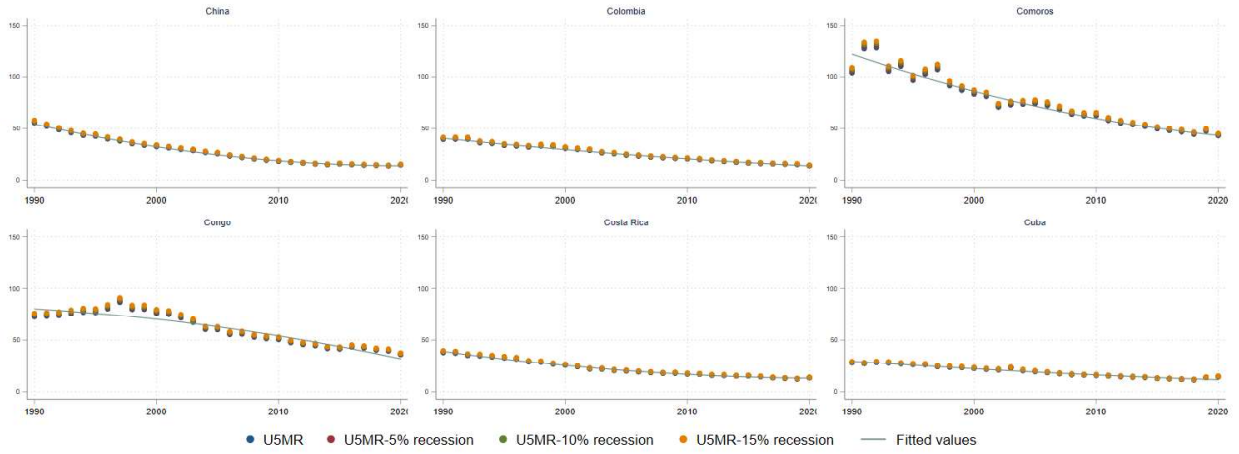




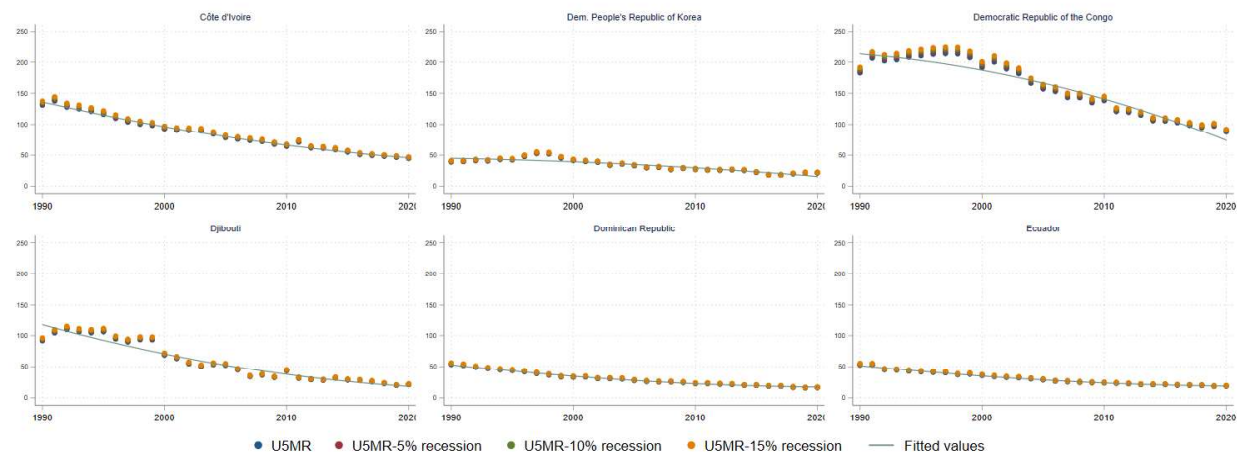
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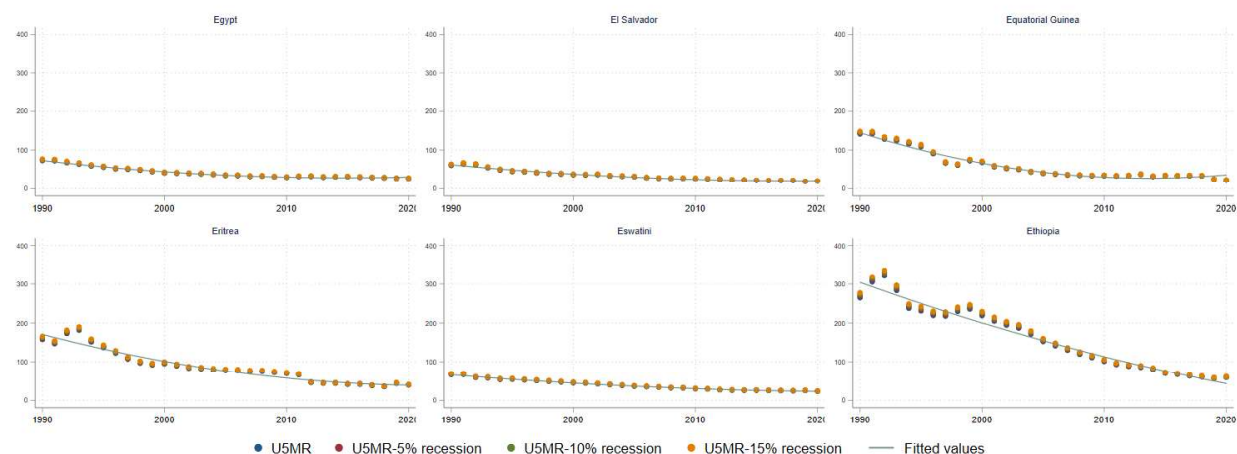
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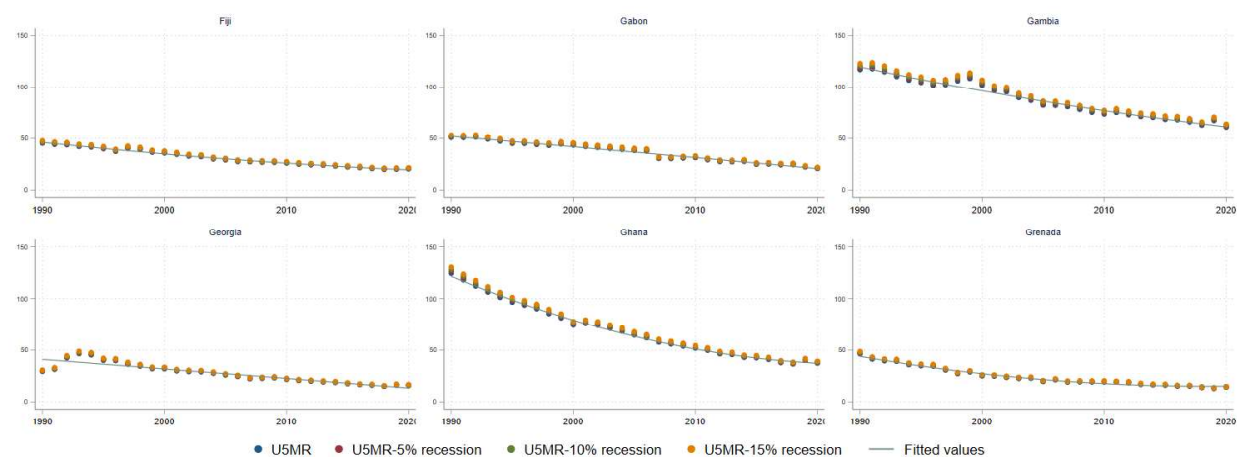
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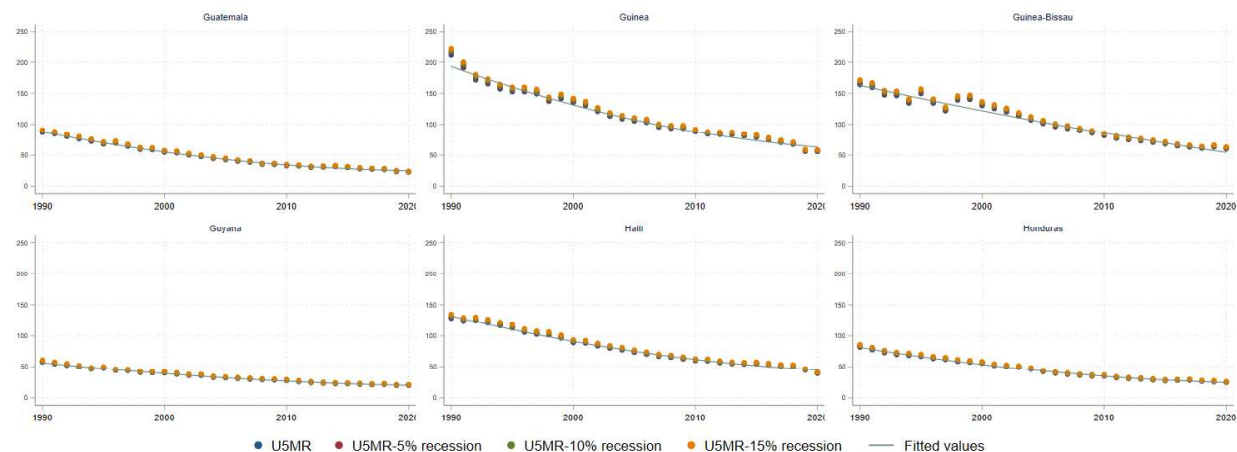
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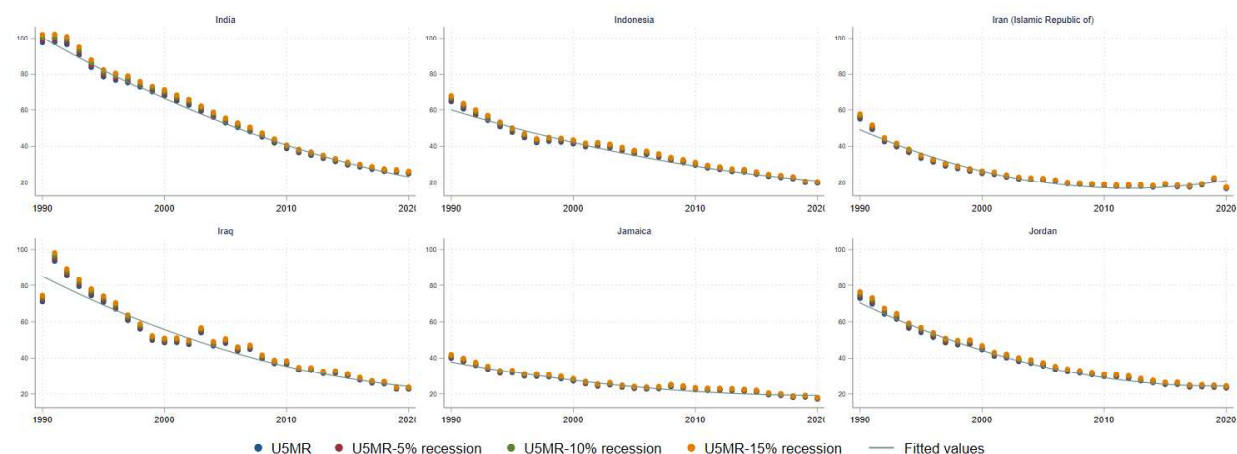
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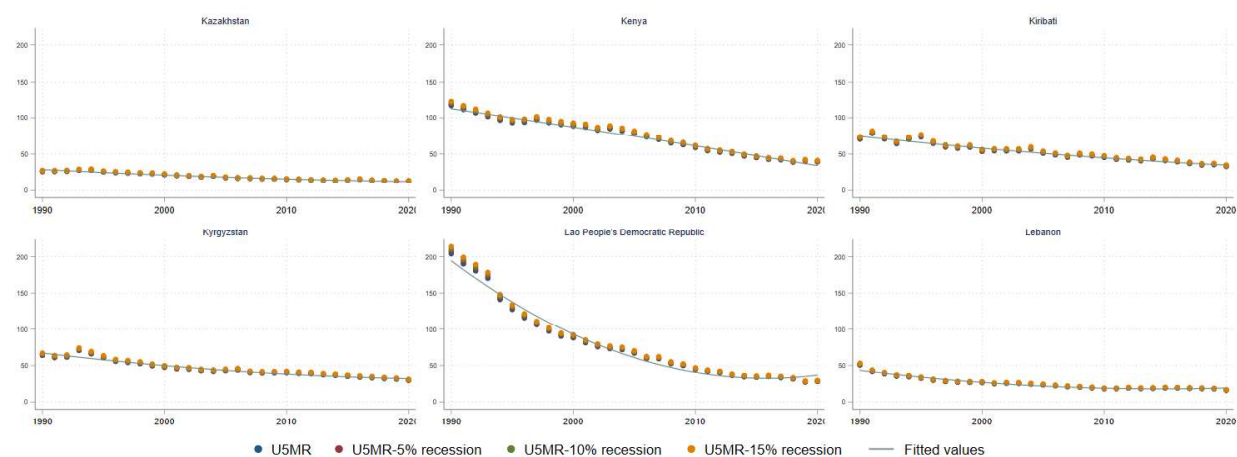
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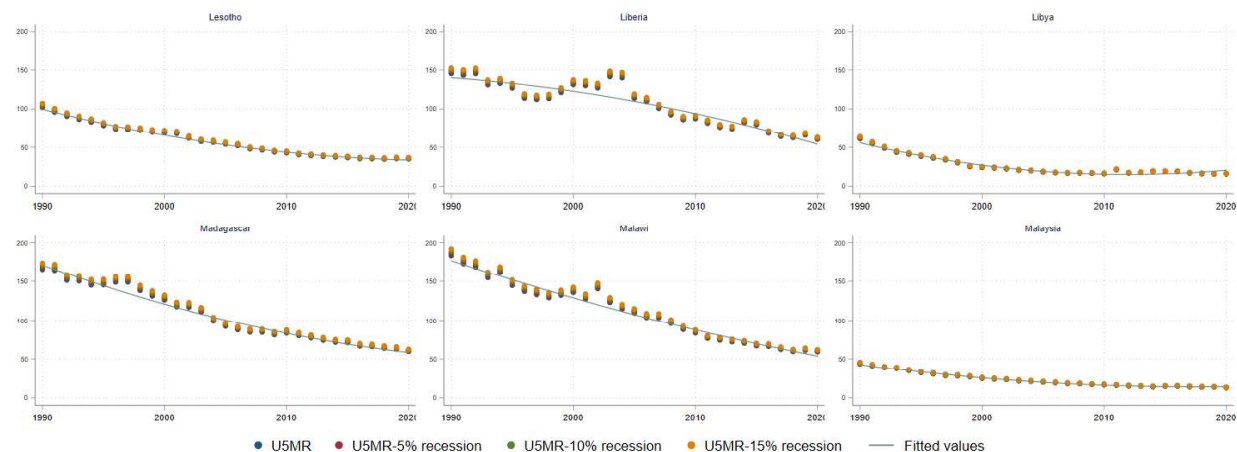
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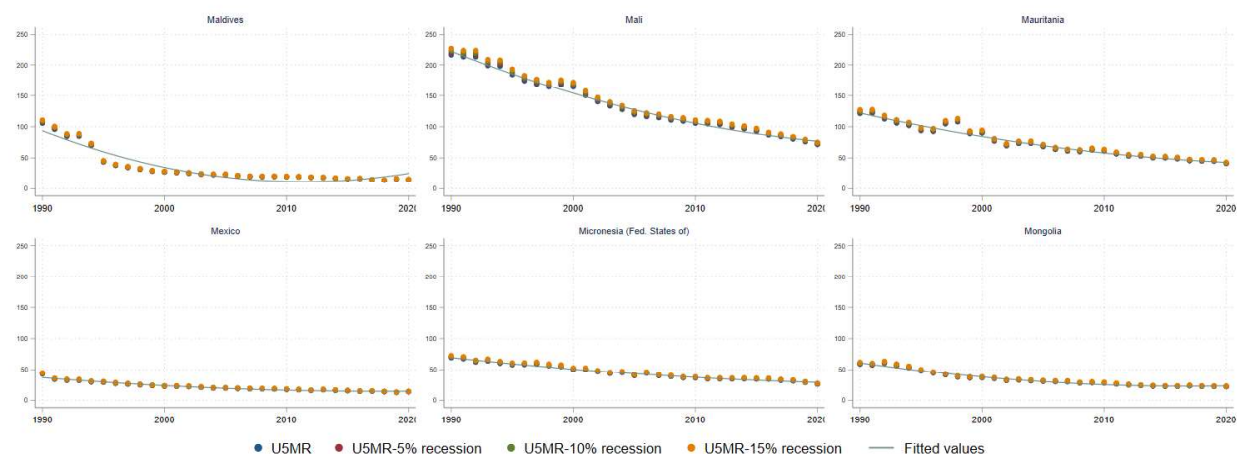
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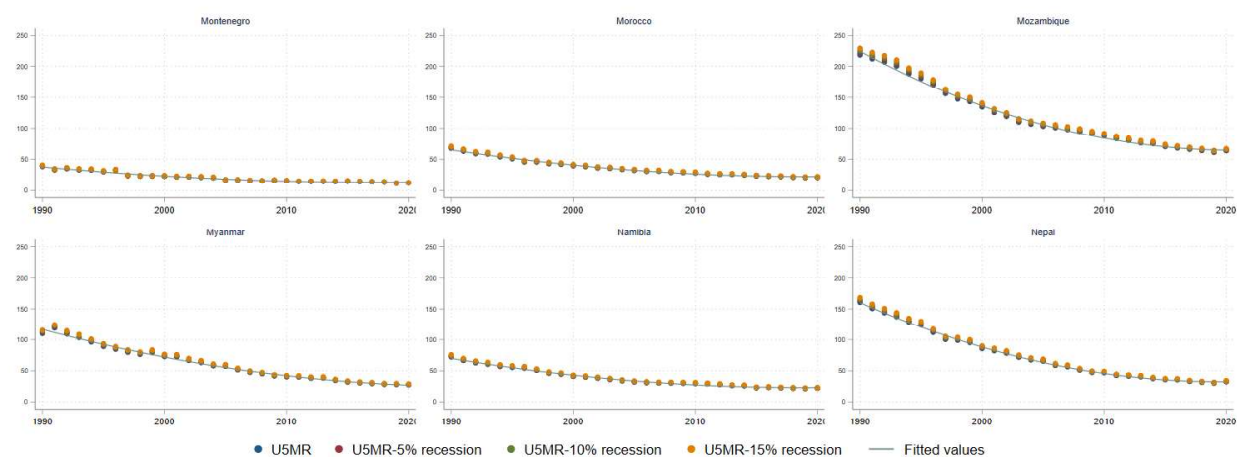
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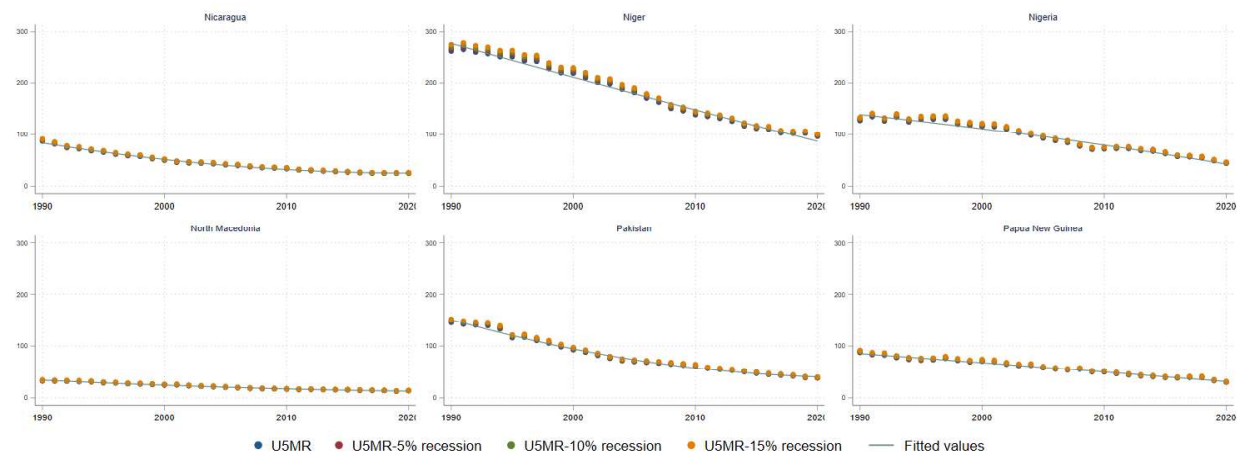
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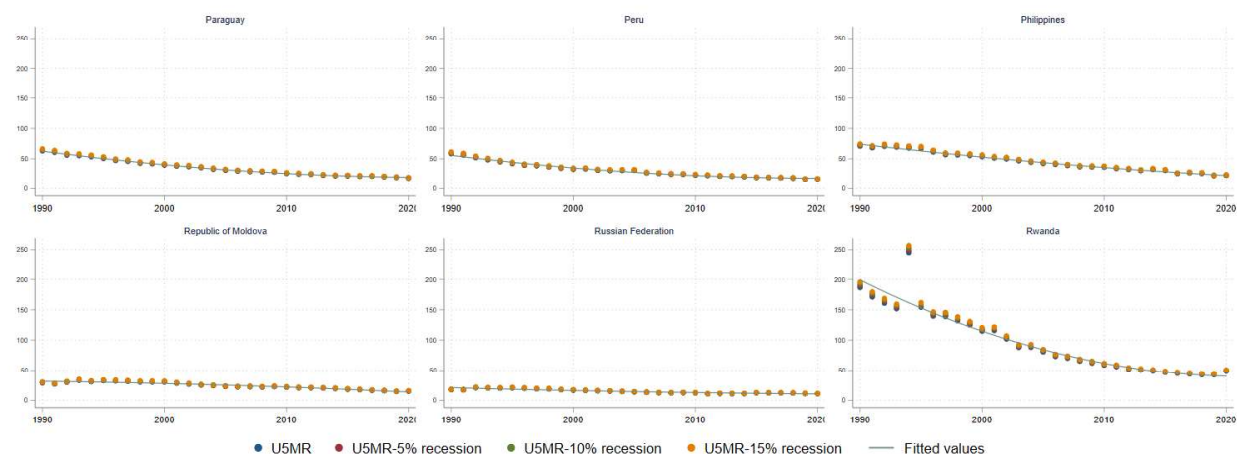
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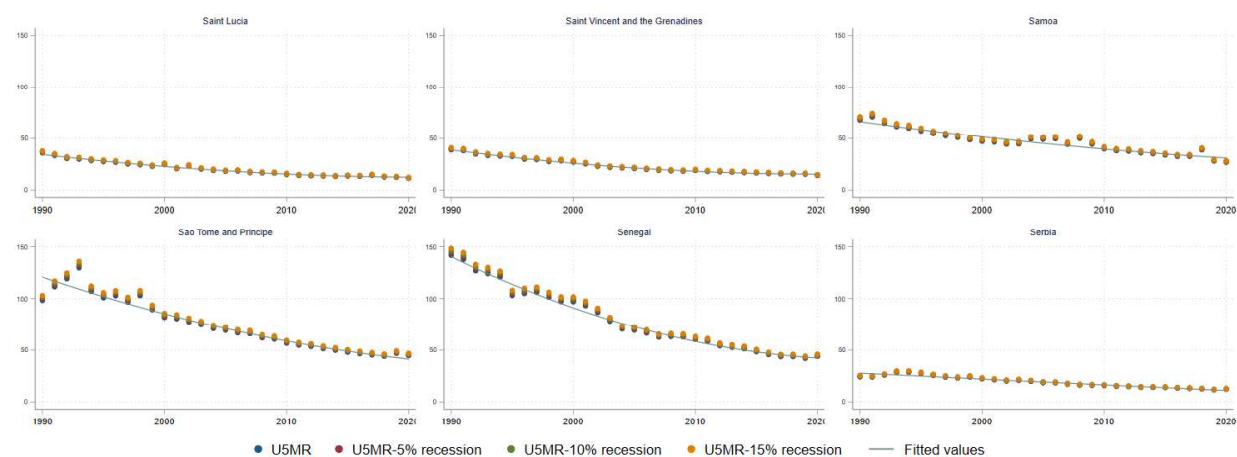
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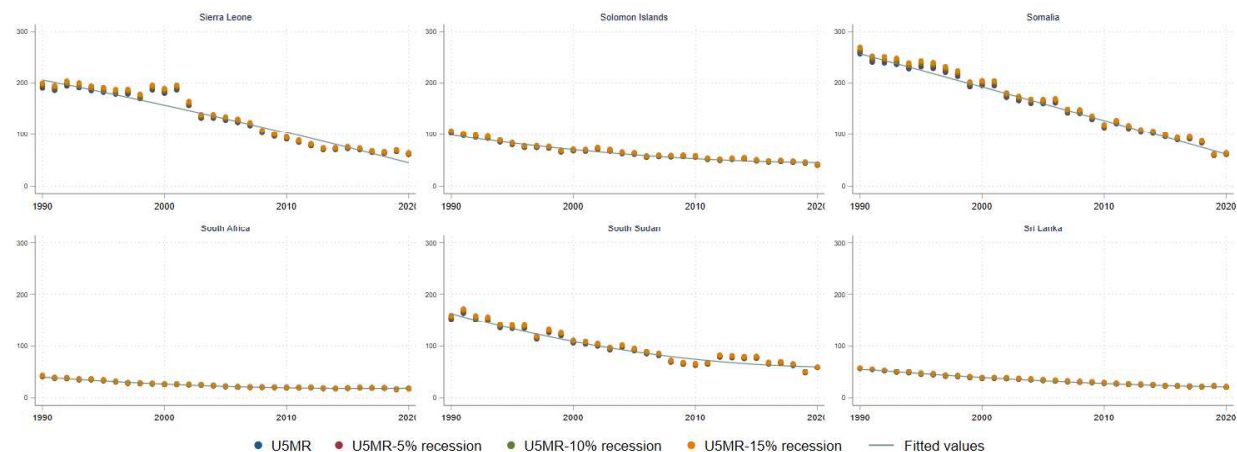
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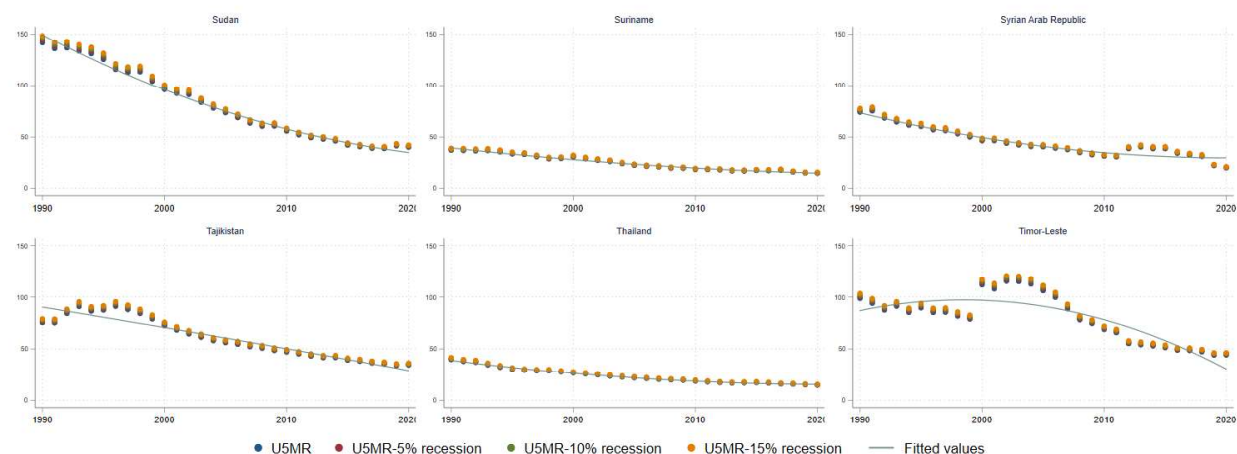
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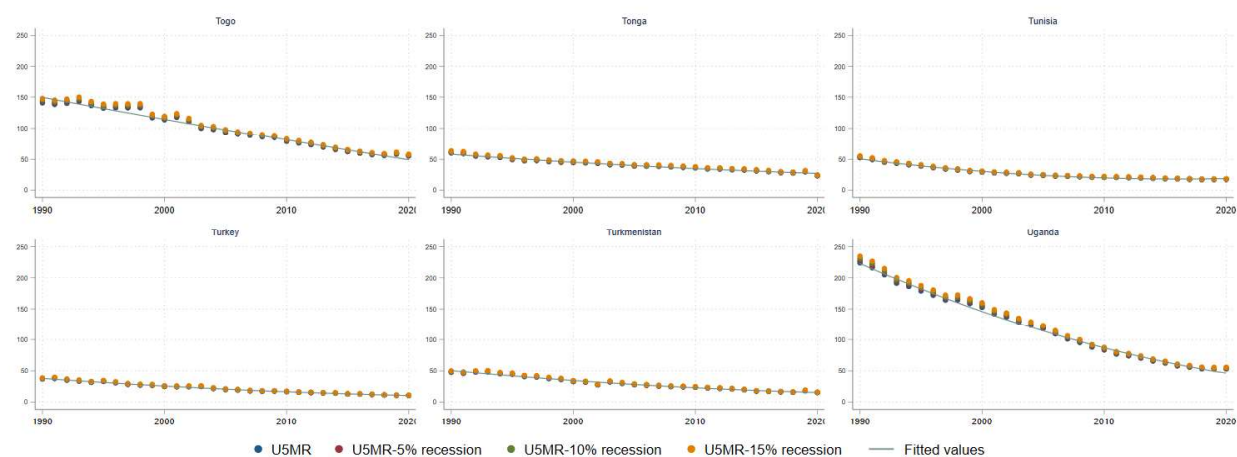
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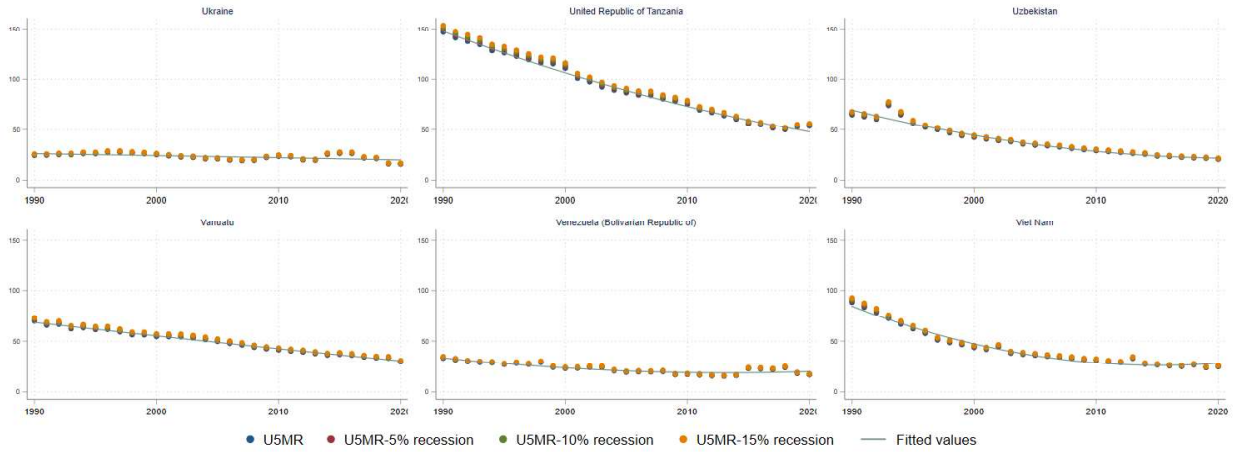
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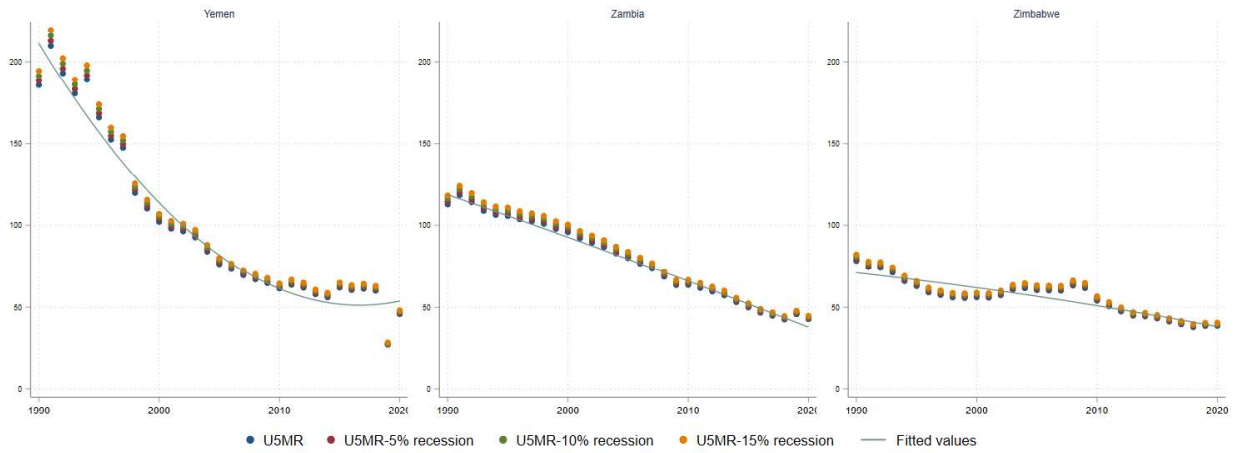
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Estimations

Model 1

Appendix Table 3 Estimated effect of GDP reduction on U5M (model without controls)

Country	Under 5 deaths	95% Confidence Interval - lower bound	95% Confidence Interval - upper bound	Under-5 deaths 5% reduction on GDP	95% Confidence Interval - lower bound	95% Confidence Interval - upper bound	Incremental Deaths at 5% Recession	Under 5 deaths 10% reduction on GDP	95% Confidence Interval - lower bound	95% Confidence Interval - upper bound	Incremental Deaths at 10% Recession	Under 5 deaths 15% reduction on GDP	95% Confidence Interval - lower bound	95% Confidence Interval - upper bound	Incremental Deaths at 15% Recession
Afghanistan	279,869	113,507	690,059	286,568	116,685	703,787	6,699	293,803	120,129	718,566	13,935	301,651	123,878	734,543	21,782
Albania	3,055	1,037	8,998	3,128	1,067	9,172	73	3,207	1,099	9,360	152	3,293	1,134	9,562	238
Algeria	93,430	31,775	274,723	95,667	32,682	280,038	2,236	98,082	33,665	285,756	4,652	100,702	34,737	291,931	7,272
Angola	125,643	44,014	358,663	128,650	45,267	365,628	3,008	131,899	46,626	373,120	6,256	135,422	48,107	381,212	9,779
Argentina	48,814	15,518	153,549	49,982	15,963	156,500	1,168	51,244	16,446	159,672	2,430	52,613	16,972	163,098	3,799
Armenia	4,020	1,382	11,693	4,116	1,421	11,920	96	4,220	1,464	12,164	200	4,332	1,510	12,427	313
Azerbaijan	13,915	4,647	41,661	14,248	4,780	42,465	333	14,607	4,924	43,330	693	14,998	5,081	44,265	1,083
Bangladesh	515,704	198,110	1,342,442	528,048	203,698	1,368,869	12,345	541,381	209,755	1,397,309	25,677	555,841	216,352	1,428,043	40,137
Belarus	8,845	2,930	26,706	9,057	3,013	27,221	212	9,286	3,104	27,775	440	9,534	3,203	28,374	688
Belize	774	266	2,251	793	274	2,295	19	813	282	2,342	39	834	291	2,393	60
Benin	67,402	25,807	176,040	69,015	26,535	179,504	1,613	70,758	27,324	183,231	3,356	72,648	28,184	187,259	5,246
Bhutan	1,470	521	4,149	1,505	535	4,230	35	1,543	551	4,316	73	1,584	569	4,410	114
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	29,709	10,691	82,555	30,420	10,995	84,164	711	31,188	11,324	85,895	1,479	32,021	11,683	87,765	2,312
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2,259	755	6,757	2,313	777	6,887	54	2,372	800	7,028	112	2,435	826	7,179	176
Botswana	3,998	1,301	12,290	4,094	1,338	12,526	96	4,197	1,379	12,781	199	4,310	1,423	13,056	311
Brazil	181,631	57,287	575,867	185,979	58,931	586,924	4,348	190,674	60,715	598,814	9,043	195,767	62,658	611,651	14,136

Table 1: Total population in 2019 (in thousands)															
Country	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Eswatini	2,676	911	7,862	2,740	937	8,014	64	2,810	965	8,178	133	2,885	996	8,354	208
Ethiopia	848,857	345,676	2,084,485	869,176	355,348	2,125,991	20,319	891,121	365,829	2,170,676	42,264	914,923	377,238	2,218,982	66,066
Fiji	1,683	574	4,935	1,724	591	5,030	40	1,767	608	5,133	84	1,814	628	5,244	131
Gabon	4,373	1,402	13,639	4,478	1,442	13,901	105	4,591	1,486	14,183	218	4,713	1,534	14,488	340
Gambia	17,593	6,970	44,409	18,014	7,166	45,288	421	18,469	7,378	46,235	876	18,963	7,609	47,257	1,369
Georgia	5,092	1,740	14,907	5,214	1,789	15,195	122	5,346	1,843	15,506	254	5,489	1,902	15,841	396
Ghana	123,156	45,670	332,105	126,104	46,963	338,606	2,948	129,287	48,366	345,600	6,132	132,741	49,893	353,156	9,585
Grenada	126	41	392	129	42	399	3	133	43	407	6	136	44	416	10
Guatemala	45,402	15,946	129,272	46,489	16,400	131,783	1,087	47,663	16,892	134,484	2,261	48,936	17,429	137,402	3,534
Guinea	86,397	33,973	219,717	88,465	34,928	224,061	2,068	90,699	35,964	228,736	4,302	93,121	37,091	233,790	6,724
Guinea-Bissau	14,630	5,905	36,245	14,980	6,070	36,966	350	15,358	6,250	37,741	728	15,768	6,445	38,580	1,139
Guyana	1,504	521	4,344	1,540	535	4,428	36	1,579	552	4,519	75	1,621	569	4,617	117
Haiti	55,775	22,200	140,124	57,110	22,824	142,901	1,335	58,552	23,499	145,890	2,777	60,116	24,235	149,121	4,341
Honduras	27,161	9,889	74,599	27,811	10,170	76,055	650	28,514	10,474	77,622	1,352	29,275	10,806	79,314	2,114
India	3,259,649	1,196,249	8,882,194	3,337,676	1,230,164	9,055,765	78,027	3,421,945	1,266,939	9,242,523	162,296	3,513,347	1,306,992	9,444,286	253,698
Indonesia	469,123	161,602	1,361,848	480,353	166,210	1,388,238	11,230	492,481	171,208	1,416,624	23,357	505,635	176,653	1,447,283	36,512
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	121,985	40,322	369,037	124,905	41,476	376,155	2,920	128,059	42,727	383,811	6,074	131,480	44,090	392,078	9,494
Iraq	92,774	31,121	276,570	94,995	32,010	281,913	2,221	97,393	32,974	287,660	4,619	99,995	34,025	293,866	7,221
Jamaica	4,268	1,451	12,556	4,370	1,492	12,798	102	4,481	1,537	13,060	213	4,600	1,586	13,342	332
Jordan	23,325	8,196	66,377	23,883	8,429	67,666	558	24,486	8,683	69,053	1,161	25,140	8,958	70,551	1,815
Kazakhstan	24,274	7,667	76,850	24,855	7,887	78,326	581	25,483	8,126	79,913	1,209	26,163	8,386	81,626	1,889
Kenya	250,460	96,008	653,386	256,455	98,716	666,243	5,995	262,930	101,653	680,080	12,470	269,953	104,850	695,033	19,493
Kiribati	445	165	1,201	455	169	1,225	11	467	174	1,250	22	479	180	1,277	35
Kyrgyzstan	28,103	10,847	72,814	28,776	11,153	74,249	673	29,503	11,484	75,793	1,399	30,291	11,845	77,461	2,187
Lao People's Democratic Republic	23,809	8,848	64,072	24,379	9,098	65,327	570	24,995	9,370	66,676	1,185	25,662	9,666	68,135	1,853
Lebanon	9,257	3,074	27,878	9,478	3,162	28,416	222	9,718	3,257	28,995	461	9,977	3,361	29,620	720
Lesotho	8,308	3,139	21,990	8,507	3,228	22,422	199	8,722	3,324	22,886	414	8,955	3,429	23,388	647
Liberia	37,345	15,202	91,742	38,239	15,627	93,569	894	39,204	16,088	95,535	1,859	40,252	16,590	97,661	2,907
Libya	9,768	3,216	29,666	10,002	3,308	30,238	234	10,254	3,408	30,853	486	10,528	3,517	31,517	760

Table 1.1: Total population, by country, 2010-2015															
Country	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Madagascar	219,003	89,969	533,099	224,246	92,483	543,734	5,242	229,907	95,207	555,186	10,904	236,048	98,172	567,566	17,045
Malawi	151,606	61,999	370,722	155,235	63,732	378,111	3,629	159,154	65,611	386,066	7,548	163,405	67,656	394,666	11,800
Malaysia	32,324	10,150	102,942	33,098	10,441	104,918	774	33,934	10,757	107,043	1,609	34,840	11,102	109,336	2,516
Maldives	525	171	1,612	537	176	1,643	13	551	181	1,677	26	566	187	1,713	41
Mali	155,656	61,717	392,581	159,382	63,451	400,354	3,726	163,406	65,330	408,722	7,750	167,771	67,375	417,766	12,115
Mauritania	20,460	7,593	55,134	20,950	7,808	56,213	490	21,479	8,041	57,374	1,019	22,053	8,295	58,629	1,592
Mexico	142,829	45,385	449,488	146,248	46,687	458,124	3,419	149,940	48,099	467,411	7,111	153,945	49,638	477,439	11,116
Micronesia (Fed. States of)	294	105	824	301	108	840	7	309	111	858	15	317	115	876	23
Mongolia	7,499	2,587	21,739	7,678	2,660	22,161	180	7,872	2,740	22,614	373	8,083	2,828	23,103	584
Montenegro	543	177	1,670	556	182	1,702	13	570	187	1,736	27	586	193	1,774	42
Morocco	73,082	25,667	208,088	74,831	26,397	212,130	1,749	76,720	27,190	216,478	3,639	78,769	28,053	221,175	5,688
Mozambique	251,430	101,771	621,169	257,449	104,622	633,521	6,019	263,949	107,710	646,819	12,519	270,999	111,073	661,194	19,569
Myanmar	143,552	53,958	381,912	146,988	55,484	389,403	3,436	150,699	57,138	397,463	7,147	154,724	58,939	406,173	11,173
Namibia	5,595	1,864	16,792	5,729	1,917	17,116	134	5,873	1,975	17,464	279	6,030	2,038	17,841	435
Nepal	115,550	45,727	291,991	118,316	47,012	297,771	2,766	121,303	48,404	303,992	5,753	124,543	49,920	310,716	8,993
Nicaragua	18,802	6,933	50,993	19,252	7,129	51,991	450	19,738	7,342	53,064	936	20,266	7,574	54,223	1,463
Niger	243,175	99,106	596,677	248,996	101,878	608,559	5,821	255,283	104,883	621,353	12,108	262,102	108,153	635,183	18,926
Nigeria	856,896	308,792	2,377,887	877,408	317,562	2,424,234	20,512	899,561	327,073	2,474,096	42,665	923,588	337,432	2,527,962	66,692
North Macedonia	1,969	663	5,846	2,016	682	5,959	47	2,067	702	6,081	98	2,122	725	6,212	153
Pakistan	1,000,517	383,952	2,607,185	1,024,467	394,784	2,658,500	23,950	1,050,333	406,526	2,713,725	49,815	1,078,388	419,312	2,773,403	77,870
Papua New Guinea	27,906	10,053	77,463	28,573	10,338	78,973	668	29,295	10,648	80,597	1,389	30,077	10,985	82,351	2,172
Paraguay	12,496	4,218	37,016	12,795	4,339	37,732	299	13,118	4,469	38,501	622	13,468	4,612	39,332	973
Peru	46,124	15,302	139,025	47,228	15,740	141,707	1,104	48,420	16,215	144,592	2,296	49,713	16,732	147,708	3,590
Philippines	242,622	85,832	685,817	248,429	88,274	699,151	5,808	254,702	90,923	713,495	12,080	261,505	93,808	728,990	18,883
Republic of Moldova	4,440	1,559	12,649	4,547	1,603	12,894	106	4,661	1,651	13,159	221	4,786	1,704	13,444	346
Russian Federation	114,014	35,818	362,922	116,744	36,846	369,888	2,729	119,691	37,962	377,378	5,677	122,888	39,177	385,465	8,874
Rwanda	78,646	31,000	199,522	80,528	31,871	203,469	1,883	82,561	32,816	207,716	3,916	84,767	33,844	212,307	6,121

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Saint Lucia	150	48	466	154	50	475	4	157	51	485	7	162	53	495	12
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	122	40	369	125	41	376	3	128	43	384	6	131	44	392	9
Samoa	558	194	1,607	571	199	1,638	13	586	205	1,672	28	601	212	1,708	43
Sao Tome and Principe	1,081	411	2,842	1,107	423	2,898	26	1,135	435	2,958	54	1,165	449	3,023	84
Senegal	83,013	31,185	220,974	85,000	32,067	225,308	1,987	87,146	33,023	229,971	4,133	89,473	34,064	235,010	6,461
Serbia	6,675	2,205	20,203	6,834	2,268	20,593	160	7,007	2,337	21,012	332	7,194	2,411	21,464	519
Sierra Leone	62,849	25,894	152,541	64,353	26,617	155,586	1,504	65,978	27,401	158,865	3,129	67,740	28,254	162,410	4,892
Solomon Islands	3,296	1,240	8,764	3,375	1,275	8,936	79	3,461	1,313	9,121	164	3,553	1,354	9,321	257
Somalia	96,456	30,164	308,437	98,764	30,994	314,724	2,309	101,258	31,892	321,494	4,802	103,963	32,870	328,817	7,507
South Africa	86,983	28,438	266,051	89,065	29,252	271,177	2,082	91,314	30,136	276,690	4,331	93,753	31,098	282,643	6,770
South Sudan	75,191	29,915	188,996	76,991	30,755	192,741	1,800	78,935	31,665	196,772	3,744	81,043	32,656	201,129	5,852
Sri Lanka	34,005	11,786	98,117	34,819	12,122	100,020	814	35,698	12,486	102,066	1,693	36,652	12,883	104,277	2,647
Sudan	183,077	67,615	495,706	187,459	69,530	505,402	4,382	192,192	71,608	515,835	9,115	197,325	73,870	527,107	14,249
Suriname	759	246	2,337	777	253	2,382	18	797	261	2,431	38	818	269	2,483	59
Syrian Arab Republic	36,882	10,790	126,062	37,764	11,092	128,576	883	38,718	11,419	131,282	1,836	39,752	11,775	134,206	2,870
Tajikistan	51,143	19,807	132,056	52,367	20,365	134,659	1,224	53,690	20,970	137,461	2,546	55,124	21,629	140,489	3,980
Thailand	59,407	19,765	178,558	60,829	20,330	182,004	1,422	62,364	20,943	185,711	2,958	64,030	21,611	189,714	4,624
Timor-Leste	7,193	2,819	18,350	7,365	2,899	18,713	172	7,551	2,985	19,103	358	7,753	3,078	19,525	560
Togo	56,223	22,542	140,232	57,569	23,174	143,015	1,346	59,023	23,859	146,011	2,799	60,599	24,605	149,249	4,376
Tonga	245	85	709	251	87	723	6	257	90	738	12	264	92	754	19
Tunisia	19,417	6,657	56,635	19,882	6,847	57,732	465	20,383	7,053	58,912	967	20,928	7,277	60,186	1,511
Turkey	72,774	22,398	236,452	74,516	23,042	240,982	1,742	76,397	23,740	245,853	3,623	78,438	24,501	251,112	5,664
Turkmenistan	10,168	3,337	30,985	10,411	3,432	31,582	243	10,674	3,536	32,225	506	10,959	3,649	32,918	791
Uganda	308,549	120,516	789,954	315,934	123,908	805,551	7,386	323,911	127,585	822,339	15,362	332,563	131,589	840,482	24,014
Ukraine	48,486	17,165	136,963	49,647	17,653	139,626	1,161	50,901	18,183	142,491	2,414	52,260	18,760	145,586	3,774

United Republic of Tanzania	383,628	149,719	982,974	392,811	153,934	1,002,380	9,183	402,728	158,503	1,023,266	19,101	413,486	163,477	1,045,838	29,858
Uzbekistan	89,151	32,296	246,099	91,285	33,212	250,899	2,134	93,590	34,207	256,064	4,439	96,090	35,289	261,643	6,939
Vanuatu	992	353	2,787	1,016	363	2,842	24	1,041	374	2,900	49	1,069	386	2,963	77
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	39,993	10,758	148,677	40,950	11,057	151,662	957	41,984	11,381	154,876	1,991	43,105	11,734	158,350	3,113
Viet Nam	226,042	83,356	612,969	231,452	85,718	624,956	5,411	237,296	88,279	637,854	11,254	243,634	91,069	651,789	17,593
Yemen	186,570	74,594	466,635	191,036	76,687	475,890	4,466	195,859	78,956	485,854	9,289	201,091	81,425	496,623	14,521
Zambia	88,936	33,110	238,893	91,065	34,047	243,572	2,129	93,365	35,063	248,606	4,428	95,858	36,170	254,045	6,922
Zimbabwe	72,349	27,585	189,754	74,081	28,364	193,484	1,732	75,951	29,208	197,499	3,602	77,980	30,127	201,837	5,631
Total	16,829,307			17,232,154			402,847	17,667,229			837,922	18,139,129			1,309,822

Source: Authors' elaboration

Appendix Table 4: Estimated Under-5 Lives Lost from 2020 Recessions Scaled from 5% to 15%.

	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
	No Recession	5% Recession	10% Recession	15% Recession
Country	Under-5 mortality rate per 100	Under-5 mortality rate per 100	Under-5 mortality rate per 100	Under-5 mortality rate per 100
Burundi	9.68	9.82	9.97	10.14
Niger	9.64	9.78	9.93	10.09
Democratic Republic of the Congo	8.77	8.9	9.04	9.18
Central African Republic	7.33	7.44	7.55	7.68
Mali	7.15	7.26	7.37	7.49
Chad	6.54	6.63	6.73	6.84
Mozambique	6.37	6.46	6.56	6.67
Burkina Faso	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6
Somalia	6.14	6.23	6.32	6.43
Sierra Leone	6.13	6.22	6.31	6.42

Source: Authors' elaboration

Model 2

Appendix Table 4 Estimated effect of GDP reduction on U5M (model with controls)

Country	Under 5 deaths	95% Confidence Interval - lower bound	95% Confidence Interval - upper bound	Under 5 deaths 5% reduction on GDP	95% Confidence Interval - lower bound	95% Confidence Interval - upper bound	Incremental Deaths at 5% Recession	Under 5 deaths 10% reduction on GDP	95% Confidence Interval - lower bound	95% Confidence Interval - upper bound	Incremental Deaths at 10% Recession	Under 5 deaths 15% reduction on GDP	95% Confidence Interval - lower bound	95% Confidence Interval - upper bound	Incremental Deaths at 15% Recession
Afghanistan	323,613	120,308	870,476	328,370	122,533	879,983	4,757	333,460	124,920	890,133	9,848	338,927	127,492	901,013	15,315
Albania	2,394	752	7,622	2,429	766	7,701	35	2,466	781	7,785	73	2,507	798	7,875	113
Algeria	110,808	34,603	354,838	112,437	35,262	358,513	1,629	114,180	35,971	362,432	3,372	116,052	36,735	366,626	5,244
Angola	235,624	75,729	733,123	239,088	77,167	740,769	3,464	242,794	78,712	748,924	7,170	246,775	80,377	757,656	11,151
Argentina	53,650	15,722	183,073	54,438	16,025	184,938	789	55,282	16,349	186,926	1,633	56,189	16,700	189,054	2,539
Armenia	3,166	1,000	10,018	3,212	1,019	10,123	47	3,262	1,040	10,234	96	3,316	1,062	10,353	150
Azerbaijan	12,099	3,740	39,138	12,277	3,812	39,542	178	12,467	3,888	39,971	368	12,671	3,971	40,431	573
Bangladesh	435,117	153,268	1,235,269	441,513	156,135	1,248,500	6,396	448,358	159,212	1,262,622	13,241	455,709	162,528	1,277,750	20,592
Belarus	7,379	2,244	24,266	7,487	2,287	24,517	108	7,603	2,333	24,784	225	7,728	2,382	25,070	349
Belize	749	237	2,367	760	241	2,392	11	772	246	2,418	23	784	252	2,446	35
Benin	98,813	34,464	283,314	100,266	35,109	286,346	1,453	101,820	35,801	289,583	3,007	103,489	36,547	293,050	4,676
Bhutan	1,332	435	4,078	1,352	444	4,120	20	1,373	453	4,166	41	1,395	462	4,214	63
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	29,494	9,774	88,998	29,928	9,959	89,932	434	30,391	10,158	90,929	898	30,890	10,372	91,996	1,396
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,702	521	5,557	1,727	531	5,614	25	1,753	542	5,676	52	1,782	553	5,741	81
Botswana	5,091	1,534	16,899	5,166	1,563	17,072	75	5,246	1,595	17,257	155	5,332	1,629	17,455	241
Brazil	182,846	53,523	624,640	185,534	54,554	630,985	2,688	188,410	55,662	637,751	5,564	191,499	56,857	644,989	8,653
Bulgaria	3,723	1,113	12,449	3,778	1,135	12,577	55	3,836	1,158	12,713	113	3,899	1,182	12,858	176
Burkina Faso	218,887	79,526	602,461	222,105	81,005	608,984	3,218	225,548	82,591	615,948	6,661	229,246	84,300	623,410	10,359
Burundi	198,778	78,436	503,757	201,700	79,854	509,463	2,922	204,827	81,376	515,559	6,049	208,185	83,013	522,098	9,407

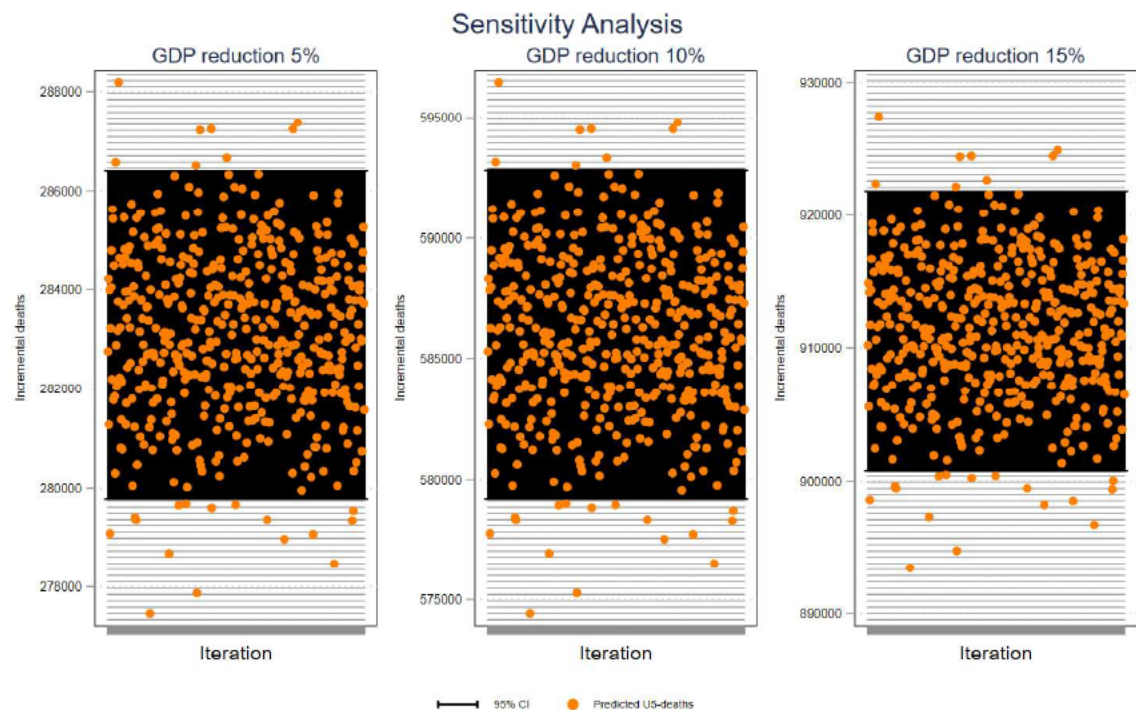
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Cabo Verde	1,146	367	3,582	1,163	374	3,620	17	1,181	381	3,660	35	1,200	389	3,702	54
Cambodia	59,438	20,803	169,830	60,312	21,191	171,659	874	61,247	21,607	173,611	1,809	62,251	22,056	175,702	2,813
Cameroon	183,530	63,386	531,403	186,228	64,575	537,061	2,698	189,115	65,852	543,100	5,585	192,215	67,229	549,568	8,685
Central African Republic	54,126	20,663	141,779	54,922	21,043	143,347	796	55,773	21,449	145,023	1,647	56,688	21,887	146,819	2,561
Chad	191,519	68,658	534,235	194,334	69,935	540,011	2,815	197,347	71,306	546,177	5,828	200,582	72,783	552,783	9,064
China	1,235,908	372,924	4,095,918	1,254,076	380,064	4,138,001	18,169	1,273,517	387,734	4,182,878	37,609	1,294,396	396,005	4,230,905	58,489
Colombia	51,670	15,615	170,968	52,429	15,915	172,715	760	53,242	16,237	174,578	1,572	54,115	16,585	176,571	2,445
Comoros	5,310	1,842	15,306	5,388	1,877	15,468	78	5,471	1,914	15,642	162	5,561	1,954	15,827	251
Congo	29,476	9,685	89,706	29,909	9,869	90,644	433	30,373	10,066	91,644	897	30,871	10,279	92,715	1,395
Costa Rica	4,588	1,351	15,584	4,656	1,377	15,743	67	4,728	1,405	15,912	140	4,806	1,435	16,093	217
Cuba	8,100	2,462	26,655	8,219	2,509	26,929	119	8,347	2,559	27,222	246	8,484	2,614	27,535	383
Côte d'Ivoire	185,002	63,376	540,040	187,721	64,569	545,761	2,720	190,631	65,850	551,866	5,630	193,757	67,230	558,404	8,755
Dem. People's Republic of Korea	37,542	10,563	133,430	38,094	10,757	134,899	552	38,684	10,966	136,467	1,142	39,318	11,191	138,146	1,777
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1,388,004	524,706	3,671,682	1,408,409	534,338	3,712,285	20,405	1,430,241	544,670	3,755,652	42,237	1,453,691	555,796	3,802,143	65,687
Djibouti	2,076	583	7,397	2,107	593	7,478	31	2,139	605	7,563	63	2,174	618	7,655	98
Dominican Republic	16,310	4,937	53,880	16,549	5,032	54,433	240	16,806	5,133	55,022	496	17,081	5,243	55,653	772
Ecuador	30,859	9,623	98,961	31,312	9,806	99,980	454	31,798	10,004	101,068	939	32,319	10,217	102,231	1,460
Egypt	339,094	110,682	1,038,877	344,079	112,777	1,049,774	4,985	349,413	115,027	1,061,399	10,319	355,141	117,452	1,073,846	16,047
El Salvador	11,381	3,664	35,348	11,548	3,734	35,718	167	11,727	3,808	36,112	346	11,919	3,889	36,534	539
Equatorial Guinea	4,411	1,284	15,155	4,476	1,309	15,309	65	4,546	1,335	15,473	134	4,620	1,364	15,649	209
Eritrea	19,506	6,022	63,177	19,793	6,133	63,871	287	20,099	6,253	64,611	594	20,429	6,381	65,405	923
Eswatini	3,328	1,046	10,595	3,377	1,066	10,705	49	3,430	1,087	10,821	101	3,486	1,110	10,946	158
Ethiopia	992,985	369,329	2,669,755	1,007,582	376,148	2,698,999	14,598	1,023,202	383,463	2,730,228	30,217	1,039,977	391,343	2,763,698	46,993
Fiji	1,887	593	6,005	1,915	604	6,067	28	1,944	616	6,133	57	1,976	629	6,204	89

Uzbekistan	71,320	23,685	214,757	72,368	24,132	217,024	1,048	73,490	24,611	219,441	2,170	74,695	25,128	222,031	3,375
Vanuatu	1,234	406	3,753	1,252	413	3,793	18	1,272	422	3,835	38	1,292	431	3,879	58
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	39,457	10,678	145,805	40,037	10,877	147,375	580	40,658	11,090	149,051	1,201	41,324	11,321	150,846	1,867
Viet Nam	193,749	65,629	571,977	196,597	66,863	578,053	2,848	199,644	68,187	584,536	5,896	202,918	69,614	591,481	9,169
Yemen	188,879	69,331	514,566	191,656	70,618	520,149	2,777	194,627	71,999	526,110	5,748	197,818	73,487	532,498	8,939
Zambia	125,984	43,264	366,868	127,836	44,079	370,745	1,852	129,818	44,955	374,883	3,834	131,946	45,898	379,313	5,962
Zimbabwe	81,231	28,492	231,589	82,425	29,026	234,066	1,194	83,703	29,598	236,710	2,472	85,075	30,215	239,542	3,844
Total	19,250,634		19,533,631			282,996	19,836,436			585,802	20,161,661			911,026	

Source: Authors' elaboration

Sensitivity analysis

Appendix Table 5 Sensitivity analysis of incremental deaths (95% Confidence Intervals)



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Figure 1

